

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Thursday, March 1, 2007  
4:15 pm  
Board Room  
Hamilton Central Station

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Bernie Morelli, Chairman  
Mark Nimigan, Vice Chairman  
Karen Cimba  
Fred Eisenberger  
Bruce Pearson  
Terry Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Nancy Di Gregorio

Also Present: Chief Brian Mullan  
Deputy Chief Ken Leendertse  
Deputy Chief Eric Girt  
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel  
Catherine Martin, Corporate Communicator  
Nadia Urciuoli, Executive Assistant to Chief Mullan

Chairman Morelli called the meeting to order.

**Discussion with  
respect to Incident of  
February 17, 2007**

Chairman Morelli thanked everyone for attending the emergency meeting on short notice.

Chairman Morelli explained that the meeting had been scheduled to discuss the stabbings at the *Dizzy Weasal*, on February 17, 2007. Chairman Morelli expressed his deepest sympathies to the victims' families. He stated that the Niagara Regional Police Service would carry out an external, separate investigation and would report back to the Board, as expeditiously as possible. After the Board receives the report, it will be released and made public.

Chairman Morelli stated that Chief Mullan was accountable for the operations of the Hamilton Police Service. Chairman Morelli further stated that Chief Mullan would subsequently provide an overview regarding the matter, after which the Board would meet in camera, due to the following reasons:

- a) The ongoing homicide investigation;
- b) The internal investigation; and
- c) The potential for litigation.

Chief Mullan advised that there were four (4) broad categories which would be discussed in detail today:

- 1) Historically – to issuance of Warrant for Corey Rogers.
- 2) Call to 9-1-1 Call Centre, by an individual purporting to be Corey Rogers.
- 3) Murders on February 17, 2007.
- 4) Post – February 17, 2007 issues.

Deputy Chief Leendertse provided the details in relation to Items 1) through 3) above.

Chief Mullan provided details with respect to Item 4) above.

Chief Mullan advised the Board he accepted operational accountability and understood his responsibility to the Board.

After details were heard, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Whitehead  
Seconded by: Member Eisenberger

That the Board move into in camera session to further discuss the issues.

**Carried.**

Moved by: Member Whitehead  
Seconded by: Vice Chairman Nimigan

There being no further discussion, the in camera session adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

**Carried.**

The Board re-adjourned in public session at 6:12p.m.

Chairman Morelli advised that a "robust" discussion had taken place regarding all the issues surrounding the incident of February 17, 2007.

*The following statement was read by Hamilton Police Services Board Chair Bernie Morelli:*

Two homicides occurred in our City on February 17. Within 12 hours of the crime taking place, Hamilton Police arrested Cory Rogers who is now in custody.

As indicated in a search warrant, on February 10, an individual alleging to be Cory Rogers contacted Hamilton Police and said he wanted to turn himself in. The warrant further stated that the call taker arranged for the caller to come to Central to turn himself in. When he did not attend, a cruiser was dispatched to the residence within 40 minutes of the initial call.

The officers attempted to locate the caller and the wanted party, Cory Rogers, without success. No one was in the residence and the call was cleared without an arrest.

Following the arrest of Corey Rogers on murder charges, Deputy Chief Leendertse became aware of the noted circumstances and on February 18 he ordered that an internal investigation be conducted.

Today Police Chief Mullan, in the interest of having an objective and thorough review conducted, contacted the Niagara Regional Police Service to take over the internal investigation.

Let me reassure the community that the Hamilton Police Services Board is moving forward to deal with this matter as expeditiously as possible. Chief Mullan will be held accountable for the operations of the Hamilton Police Service. This Board has complete confidence in Chief Mullan to execute his duties.

The Board anxiously awaits the report from Chief Mullan and the Niagara Regional Police Service. It is expected and intended that the report will be released by the Board to the public as soon as possible.

What we know for sure is Hamilton Police have arrested and charged Cory Rogers with two counts of first degree murder. Our hearts and thoughts are with the victim's families.

**Adjournment**

Moved by: Member Cimba  
Seconded by: Member Whitehead

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 6:17pm.

**Carried.**

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Taken as read and approved

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Lois Morin  
Administrator

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Bernie Morelli, Chairman  
Police Services Board